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SUBJECT: MALAWI: PARTICIPATION IN SADC OBSERVATION MISSION
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According to Paul Chiunguzeni, Director of Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Undule Mwakasungula, Chairperson of the Human Rights Consultative Committee, Malawi will send a team of up to 18 people to participate in SADC observations of the Zimbabwe run-off elections. Chiunguzeni said the leader of Malawi's participants will be Dr. Benson Tembo, current Malawi High Commissioner to Zimbabwe. The breakdown by organization will be:

Malawian High Commission to Zimbabwe - 2 (including Dr. Tembo)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs - 1
Malawi Law Commission - 2
Malawi Electoral Commission - 3 (including one election commissioner)
Civil Society and Non-governmental Organizations - 10

Mwakasungula, who is organizing civil society participants, commented that the number of non-government participants was still dependent upon organizations finding funding sources to pay for travel expenses and that the actual number who travel could be less than the proposed 10.
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